

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – March 8th, 2021
Waupaca County Courthouse – Room LL42

Chair Zaug called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Chair Fred Zaug, Vice Chair Joe McClone, Supervisors Joyce Boyer, Janet Lehrer and Sue Golding, and citizen members Maryann Snider and Jeff Dyer were present while citizen members Nancy Koeppen and Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Others present: Staff Members Taylor Sorenson, Tom Claussen, and John Francis.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Lehrer, seconded by Golding to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by McClone, seconded by Dyer to approve the February 8th, 2021 minutes with one change as noted by Van Dyke. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment/Correspondence: Zaug opened the meeting for public comment/correspondence, there was none.

Hazwaste building capital project - Update: Claussen reported that he is working with engineer Jeff Finger to finalize the design and get it sent to the State for approval. Once that is done, the project will be put out to bid. Some changes since last time, we will be going with 2x6 steel stud construction vs. steel beam like the rest of the PTF building to reduce cost and increase the pool of perspective contractors. The building will be attached to the existing building next to the recycling receiving door. He will update the Board when there is further development.

Scale kiosk and skid-steer capital projects update: Claussen reported that he is working with AWS who is doing the job. The electrician came the other day and will have to come back later as the conduit the wire is to be pulled through is frozen solid at this time and may take quite a while to thaw underground.

The new skid-steer was delivered last week. The budget was for \$35,000, the cost came in at \$16,000. We purchased a set of Setco (airless) tires and new blade for the bucket edge bringing the total spent to \$20,000. The skid-steer was purchased through the Appleton Bobcat dealer, as they were about \$3,000 less than the others for the same machine.

Meetings/Conferences Attended: Zaug reported that he remotely attended the Wisconsin Counties Solid Waste Management Association (WCSWMA) board meeting and was elected to another 2-year term. He also talked about scholarships available to environmental studies or similar majors.

Sorenson talked about attending the Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management Conference (WIRMC) virtually and discussed some of the interesting presentations she attended. She mentioned that she also attended the WCSWMA board meeting where the States proposed budget was discussed. The issue was brought up of a large amount of money from the environmental management fund to be designated to address the PFAS issue. This is money that comes from landfill tipping fees and goes towards the State Recycling grant and Clean Sweep grants. Snider stated that the Governor's budget included taking 26 million dollars from the environmental fund to help address the PFAS issue. There was discussion about how that would impact the recycling programs and grants.

PTF Supervisor Update: Claussen reported that the PTF has switched to summer hours and were now open every Saturday from 7am – 11am. He said it was getting busy. There has been a lot of tires collected recently, there was 194 tons brought in for 2020. Keeps them out of the ditches!

Recycling Coordinators Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Sorenson reported that she had finished updating the recycling drop off brochures.
- b. **Program Updates:** Sorenson stated that the program had received the Clean Sweep grant reimbursement, the MRF self-certification has been submitted and that she is still working on the annual grant report. She mentioned that the Iola Recycling Center decided to increase their PAYT tags from \$2.50 to \$3.00 each, the price had not been increased since 2013. Sorenson also reported that the T. of Waupaca is considering going to curbside collection for garbage and recyclables and she plans on attending their next meeting in April to further discuss.

Director Report: Francis talked about Covid-19 updates and how things appear to be trending in the right direction. There was some discussion.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 12th, 2021 at 3:30 pm at the Courthouse.

Adjourn: Motion by McClone, seconded by Van Dyke to adjourn. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director